

\*\* Q39 -Unable to identify manf./model of PCB, but looks like power electronics.[¶](#)

TylerHowell 4/17/2013 0:00 \*\*\* Later identified as an Electronic Speed Controller (ESC).

- \* Received more images of two more PCBs (one with enclosure), PPT presentation created to explain electronics based on scene location (1 or 2):[¶](#)
- \* Scene 1[¶](#)
- \*\* Q178 - 2.4 GHz receiver by FlySky, model: FS-GR3E, for hobby-level RC vehicles.[¶](#)
- \*\* Q39 - Electronic Speed Controller (ESC) of unknown manf./model.[¶](#)
- \* STVC Call with Hobbico:[¶](#)
- \*\* Confirmed that they are the seller of the Duratrax brand, including the Duratrax Spring ESC.[¶](#)
- \*\* Indicated that Q39, the blue ESC, could be from Hobby King under the brand of Turing.[¶](#)
- \*\* Commented that transmitters from various manufacturers are typically not interoperable.[¶](#)
- \*\* Informed that the Spektrum brand is produced by Horizon Hobby.[¶](#)
- \*\* Was unaware of custom transmitter/receiver designs on the internet (checked on 4/22/2013 - there are).[¶](#)

TylerHowell 4/18/2013 0:00 \*\* Q7 - Likely sub C rechargeable battery.

- \* Delivered Helion ESC exemplar to SSABT Eric Morefield.[¶](#)
- [¶](#)

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- \* Eric Morefield tested the inter-operability of an exemplar Fly Sky transmitter and an exemplar Spektrum SR201 receiver.[¶](#)

TylerHowell 4/19/2013 0:00 \*\* Exemplars could not talk to each other.

TylerHowell 4/20/2013 0:00 \* Transmitter (likely Fly Sky) was recovered in Boston.

TylerHowell 4/22/2013 0:00 \* Hobbico identified Q39 (blue PCB ESC) as a Helion Dominus ESC, which is sold by Hobby Town.

- \* Ordered exemplars:[¶](#)
- \*\* 4 - Spektrum DX2E transmitters[¶](#)
- \*\* 4 - Spektrum SR201 receivers[¶](#)
- \*\* 4 - FlySky FS-GT3B transmitters[¶](#)
- \*\* 4 - FlySky FS-GR3E receivers[¶](#)
- \*\* 2 - Duratrax Spring ESC[¶](#)

TylerHowell 4/23/2013 0:00 \*\* 2 - Helion Dominus ESC

- \* Received first round of exemplar transmitter/receiver.¶
- \*\* Receiver is the same board revision as evidence.¶
- \* Tested interoperability of FS Tx and Spektrum Rx.¶
- \*\* Devices are not interoperable.¶
- \* Photographed evidence and exemplars.¶
- \* Eric Kunkel is looking into obtaining bind code for exemplars.¶

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- \* Eric Kunkel read EEPROM on FlySky receiver with DataIO.¶
- \*\* Only data is 6 bytes, possibly binding code.¶
- \* Test plan:¶
  - \*\* Attempt to obtain same 6 bytes off of ST microcontroller on Tx.¶
  - \*\* Do differential analysis on 6 bytes in receiver with another Tx.¶
  - \*\* Verify evidence Rx EEPROM status (i.e., able to be read) using xray.¶
  - \*\* Read evidence Rx EEPROM, program exemplar EEPROM, test link from Tx to Rx with evidence EEPROM code.¶
- \* Gary Baird measured RF spectrum on FlySky and Spektrum transmitters:¶

TylerHowell 4/26/2013 0:00 \*\* RF characteristics are different enough to prevent communication between systems.

TylerHowell 4/29/2013 0:00 \* Datasheet for FS-GR3E receiver's RF IC obtained.

- New test plan for obtaining binding code:¶
  - # Bind the evidence transmitter to an exemplar receiver.¶
  - \*\* -Verify that the handshake is one-way, and does not modify transmitter.- Verified by Tyler Howell and Gary Baird that the FS-GR3C does not transmit back a signal to the FS-GT3B.¶
  - # Read the exemplar receiver's EEPROM.¶
  - # Read the evidence receiver's EEPROM¶
  - \*\* Verify the evidence EEPROM is intact and capable of being read.¶

TylerHowell 4/30/2013 0:00 # If the two codes match, then evidence was bound. If not, investigate further.¶

- \* Provided statement to Ed Knapp (FBI-LD-EU) on modifications to FlySky system¶
- \*\* Concealment mods and safety mods¶
- \* Provided Eric Morefield (FBI-LD-EU) with exemplar FS-GT3B (see inventory) for EU to test range based on various configurations of antenna and electronics location.¶
- \* Removed RF can off of exemplar FS-GT3B RF module¶
- \*\* A7105 transceiver IC, unidentifiable MCU, supporting circuitry.¶

TylerHowell 5/1/2013 0:00 \*\* Removed because the bind switch does not connect to the STMicro MCU.

\* Attempted to look at transactions between Rx EEPROM and Rx MCU:[¶](#)  
\*\* MCU does not use I2C compliant signaling (i.e., ack does not get pulled to zero, only about 40% down).[¶](#)  
\*\*\* Jupiter I2C bus monitor did not work due to non-compliant signals.[¶](#)  
\*\*\* Hooked up LeCroy 104MXs-B Oscilloscope to clock and data lines of EEPROM.[¶](#)  
\*\*\* Brandon Warhurst developed a python program to parse out comma delimited ASCII files with variable

TylerHowell 5/3/2013 0:00 voltage threshold setting.

\* Parsing out I2C transactions between Rx EEPROM and Rx MCU showed two waveforms of interest:[¶](#)  
# Power on - about 25 bytes of information on bus.[¶](#)  
# Bind - about 3 bytes of information on bus.[¶](#)  
\* Power on waveform:[¶](#)  
\*\*\* Produced a waveform that read out all six bytes in EEPROM.[¶](#)  
\* Bind Waveform:[¶](#)  
\*\* Produced when transmitter sends bind code.[¶](#)  
\*\* One byte of data written to EEPROM at position 0.[¶](#)  
\*\* Where does the other 5 bytes of data in the EEPROM come from?[¶](#)  
\* Rx EEPROM is write protected when not in bind mode.[¶](#)  
\* Received the STmicroelectronics programmer for reading the transmitter.[¶](#)

TylerHowell 5/6/2013 0:00 \* Power and ground pins on EEPROM have about 368 to 394 kOhm impedance measurement.

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\*ANALYSIS EXTENT\*  
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\* This test is to find out what changes are made to the EEPROM of a FlySky FS-GR3C receiver when bound to two different transmitters. ¶

\* Additionally, the test finds out what changes, if any, are made by placing an EEPROM in a different receiver and binding two different transmitters.¶

Eight files were created using the following naming convention:¶

[manf. name]\_[model]\_rx[rx board]-[EEPROM]-[transmitter]\_[read #].bin¶

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##. a-a-1¶

##. b-b-1¶

##. a-a-2¶

##. b-b-2¶

##. a-b-1¶

##. b-a-1¶

##. a-b-2¶

##. b-a-2¶

\*RESULTS\*  
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Each file contains six bytes of information¶

##. A954 0000 BD07¶

##. A954 0000 CA07¶

##. 2815 0000 BD07¶

##. 2815 0000 CA07¶

##. A954 0000 CA07¶

##. A954 0000 BD07¶

##. 2815 0000 BD07¶

##. 2815 0000 CA07¶

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\* Bytes 5 and 6 in Rx EEPROM are likely the 'fail safe function' offered by FlySky

\*\* The function allows for setting the trim levels of each channel to a default level if the radio link fails.

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Eric Kunkel looked at the preservation of data while using programmer to talk to ST micro MCU:

\* Transmitter does not operate while hooked up to the programmer. Suggested the following procedure:

## Attach SWIM connector

## Connect to bench supply

TylerHowell 5/8/2013 0:00 ## Power on transmitter via the switch on the board

X-rayed receiver's EEPROM:

\* X-rays showed no breaks on die or broken wirebonds

Performed impedance check on receiver's EEPROM:

\* All pins were within nominal values of the example EEPROMs

Attempted to read receiver's EEPROM:

\* Removed EEPROM from receiver board using flux, hot air pencil - success.

\* Attempted to put EEPROM on carrier board using magnet wire for stand off (to avoid shorts by bad placement on board).

\*\* Magnet wire did not provide a proper conductive path to pins of carrier board.

TylerHowell 5/9/2013 0:00 \*\* Will attempt to use solder bridges to connect EEPROM to carrier board.

Attempted to read receiver's EEPROM:

\* Removed EEPROM from magnet wire setup (see 5/9/2013).

\* Could not read in socket, pins were too bent.

\* Used wires and clip leads to jumper to PDIP adapter:

\*\* Continuity error

\* Will attempt to solder EEPROM to carrier board.

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Eric Kunkel read third TX memory:

TylerHowell 5/10/2013 0:00 \* Bind codes are not in plain view.

Tx Memory:

\* Eric programmed the EEPROM on the Tx, caused no change in the Rx.

\* Program memory space of Tx's are all the same, bind code likely else where on Tx.

TylerHowell 5/13/2013 0:00 \* Memory does not change when power cycling device.

Rx Memory:

- \* Mike Harmsen performed curve trace of EEPROM:
  - \*\* No major irregularities on pins.
  - \*\* Vcc, pin 8, showed that the device might have been powering up when tested.
  - \*\*\* This was seen on the exemplar, but not in the amount that the evidence showed.
  - \*\* Harmsen, Howell, and McFarlane decided to read EEPROM with DataIO
- \* DataIO read:
  - \*\* Luke Wardensky placed EEPROM on SOIC to PDIP carrier board.
  - \*\* Tyler Howell read EEPROM using DataIO 3980xpi, Atmel 24C02A profile, PDIP socket.

TylerHowell 5/16/2013 0:00 \*\* Two matching reads, data placed in case's data folder along with MD5Sum hash.

Tx Memory:

- \* Eric Kunkel saved evidence Tx program memroy and EEPROM to case folder:
  - \*\* Program memory matches exemplars.
  - \* Tyler Howell programmed an exemplar receiver with evidence Tx bind code.
  - \* Tyler Howell read programmed Rx EEPROM using DataIO 3980xpi:

TylerHowell 5/17/2013 0:00 \*\* Bind code in evidence Tx matches evidence Rx.

\* FlySky Protocol:

- \*\* Internet forum: [www.rcgroups.com](http://www.rcgroups.com) has information on the FlySky protocol used in another product.
- \*\* Product uses the same A7105 transceiver IC
- \*\*\* IC has a 32-bit ID code, the A7105 ID.
- \*\*\* The A7105 ID allows for filtering of data packets.
- \*\*\* All FlySky products appear to use the same A7105 ID: 0x5475C52A (programmed to register 0x06 on startup).
- \*\*\* The A7105 ID is not the FlySky ID sent in a data packet.
- \*\* Forum speculates that the FlySky ID's four MSB are used to set the FH sequence.
- \*\*\* Forum speculates there are 256 sequences.

TylerHowell 5/20/2013 0:00 \*\*\* Unknown how the rest of the ID is used.

\* Started working on a 4-wire SPI parser for use with LeCroy WaveSurfer 104MXs-B oscope.

- \*\* Written in Python 2.7.3, based on Brandon Warhurt's I2C python parser

TylerHowell 5/21/2013 0:00 \*\* Command Line Interface (CLI), inputs are CSV amplitude data points.

TylerHowell 5/22/2013 0:00 \* Finalized 4-wire SPI parser for use with LeCroy WaveSurfer 104MXs-B oscope.